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SUBJECT:FOREIGN MILITARY SALES TO BRAZIL

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1. POINTS MADE REFTEL FULLY UNDERSTOOD HERE, BUT THERE IS NO POSSIBILITY OF COMPLETING PRESIDENTIAL DETERMINATION PROCESS BY MAY 2. BARRING UNFORESEEN CIRCUMSTANCES, WE HOPE PROCESS CAN BE COMPLETED WITHIN ONE TO TWO WEEKS.

2. BRAZILIAN CHARGE DINIZ CALLED ON ZIMMERMANN AFTERNOON OF APRIL 29 TO DISCUSS EFFECT OF SECTION 3(B) AND OTHER LEGISLATIVE PROVISIONS WHICH MIGHT BE BROUGHT INTO PLAY BY
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SHRIMP BOAT SEIZURES. DINIZ'S QUERY WAS PROMPTED BY

VISIT THAT MORNING FROM CHIEF OF BRAZILIAN NAVAL PURCHASING MISSION WHO SAID THAT HE HAD BEEN EXPERIENCING DELAYS FOR SOME DAYS NOW IN CONFIRMING VARIOUS ARRANGEMENTS WITH DOD AND UPON INQUIRY WAS TOLD THAT RESTRICTIONS HAD RESULTED FROM SEIZURES. DINIZ ADDED THAT HE HAD RECEIVED NO INFORMATION FROM BRASILIA RE OUR REPRESENTATIONS WITH FOREIGN MINISTRY OR OUR NOTE. ZIMMERMANN OUTLINED LEGAL PROVISIONS FRANKLY, BUT DINIZ SEEMED REASSURED BY EXPLANATION THAT WE WERE MOVING AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE TO FIND MEANS CONSISTENT WITH THE LAW TO AVOID SERIOUS DISRUPTION OF PLANNED FMS TO BRAZIL.

3. IF EMBASSY BELIEVES IT USEFUL IT MAY ALSO EXPLAIN INFORMALLY, BUT MORE SPECIFICALLY THAN HERETOFORE, THAT WE ARE SEEKING A PRESIDENTIAL WAIVER.

4. DOD CONCURS. KISSINGER

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